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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS  
AND EASEMENTS FOR  
BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION**

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements is made by Briar Cove Development, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereinafter, the "Property"). Declarant intends by this Declaration to impose upon the Property mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of all owners of residential property within the Property. Declarant desires to provide a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development of the Property and to establish a method for the administration, maintenance, preservation, use and enjoyment of the Property as is now or may be subjected to this Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all real property described in Exhibit "A" shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of and which shall run with the Property subjected to this Declaration and which shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1.** "Assessments" shall mean assessments for Common Expenses provided for herein or by any amendment which shall be used for the purposes of promoting health, safety, welfare, common benefit and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of the Residential Units against which the Assessment is levied and of maintaining the Residential Units, and Common Areas, all as may be specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors and as more particularly authorized herein. The Assessments shall be levied equally against Owners of Residential Units for such purposes that are authorized by this Declaration or by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**Section 2.** "Association" shall mean and refer to Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association, Inc., an Indiana non-profit corporation, and its successors and assigns. The "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall be the elected body having its normal meaning under Indiana Law. The Association shall be organized and governed in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws and Rules and Regulations, attached hereto as Exhibits "B", "C" and "D", respectively.

**Section 3.** "Common Areas" shall mean those parts or parcels of the property the title to which are conveyed from time to time by deed from Declarant to the Association, to be thereafter held and owned by the Association for the benefit of the Owners and the Residential Units.

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**Section 4.** “Common Expenses” shall mean and include the actual and estimated expenses of operating the Association; the cost of owning, maintaining, repairing and replacing the Common Areas, landscaping, and exterior of the Residential Units as provided herein; and the cost of meeting the obligations of the Association under this Declaration, including any reasonable reserves for performing the obligations, all as may be found to be necessary and appropriate by the Board pursuant to this Declaration, the By-laws and the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

**Section 5.** “Community-Wide Standard” shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Project. Such standard may be more specifically determined and set forth by the Architectural Review Committee or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6.** “Developer” shall mean Briar Cove Development, LLC.

**Section 7.** “Mortgage” shall mean an instrument given as security to perform obligations, including a deed of trust.

**Section 8.** “Mortgagee” shall mean the Person to whom a mortgage is granted, including a beneficiary or holder of a deed of trust.

**Section 9.** “Mortgagor” shall mean the Person who grants a Mortgage, including the trustor of a deed of trust.

**Section 10.** “Occupant” shall mean and refer to one or more Persons or entities which may at any time be entitled to the use and possession of a Residential Unit, or any part thereof, by lease, license, contract or any other means, whether or not unlawful and shall include, without limitation, Owners, tenants, subtenants and their guests and invitees.

**Section 11.** “Owner” shall mean and refer to one or more Persons or entities who are record owners of a fee simple title to any Residential Unit which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having any interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and excluding the Declarant.

**Section 12.** “Person” means a natural person, a corporation, a partnership, trustee or other legal entity.

**Section 13.** “Project” shall mean the property owned by Declarant and held for Exhibit “A” hereto, and any property acquired by Declarant for addition to Exhibit A by Subsequent Amendment.

**Section 14.** “Property” shall mean and refer to all of the real property described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto, as amended from time to time and as added to from time to time.

**Section 15.** “Residential Unit” shall mean one of the parcels and the zero lot line home located or to be located thereon, which is a part of the Property intended for independent ownership for use and occupancy as a single family residence. The boundaries of Residential Units shall be the lot lines for the parcels of the Property conveyed by Declarant to the Owners. For the purposes of this Declaration, a Residential Unit shall come into existence when

substantially complete or upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the appropriate agency of the Town of Schererville, Indiana, the Town of Dyer, Indiana or other local government entity.

**Section 16.** “Subsequent Amendment” shall mean an amendment to this Declaration which adds additional property to that covered by this Declaration. Such Subsequent Amendment may, but is not required to, impose, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land submitted by that Subsequent Amendment to the provisions of this Declaration.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

**Section 1.** Party Wall Rights, Restrictions and Easements. Subject to any other or additional provisions contained in any written agreement between the parties affected, each wall which is built as part of the original construction of a Residential Unit and placed on the lot line of a Residential Unit shall constitute a party wall and to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration, the general rules of law regarding party walls and of liabilities for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto. In the event and to the extent that the center of any wall between Residential Units on and over such adjoining Residential Units shall encroach into or onto the adjacent Residential Unit, the Owner utilizing said party wall will have a perpetual exclusive easement appurtenant to his or her Residential Unit on and over such adjoining Residential Unit for the maintenance, repair and restoration of such wall and his or her Residential Unit to the extent that the same shall occupy such adjoining Residential Unit, and such wall shall be deemed a party wall for all purposes of this Declaration. The cost of reasonable repairs and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared equally by the Owners who make use of the wall. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, the Owner who has shared the wall may restore it, and if the other Owner thereafter makes use of the wall, they shall contribute equally to the cost of the restoration thereof, without prejudice however, to the right of any such Owner to call for a larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligence or willful acts of omissions. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration, any Owner who is by his or her negligence or willful act, or the negligence or willful acts of his or her occupancy causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements. The right of any Owner to contributions from any other Owner under this Declaration shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner’s successor in title. Easements are hereby declared and granted to Owners having a party wall to install, lay, operate, maintain, repair and replace any pipes, wires, ducts, conduits, public utility lines or structural components through the party walls of two or more Residential Units, whether or not such walls lie in all or in part within the boundaries of a Residential Unit. Every portion of a Residential Unit shall be burdened with an easement of structural support for the benefit of the other Residential Units.

**Section 2.** Easements of Ingress and Egress. Each Owner, as well as the lawful residents and Occupants of each Residential Unit, and their agents and contractors shall have and enjoy an easement for ingress and egress to and from their Residential Units, over and upon the lawn and landscaped areas of all Residential Units within a building which are connected in succession by party walls as provided in this Declaration, for the purpose of providing access to all parts of such Residential Unit for all purposes and activities associated with the normal and

reasonable residential use of the Residential Unit, including, but not limited to, the maintenance, repair and replacement of the exterior of the building located on the Residential Unit and all lawn and landscaped areas and sidewalks which are a part of the Residential Unit.

**Section 3.** Easements of Encroachment. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements of encroachment as between each adjacent Residential Unit due to the unintentional placement or setting or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration) to a distance necessary to encompass any constructed encroachment, either now existing or arising in the future; provided, however in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful and knowing conduct on the part of an Owner, Occupant or the Association.

**Section 4.** Easements for Utilities, Etc. Declarant and Developer hereby reserve for itself and its designee (including without limitation, the Town of Schererville, the Town of Dyer and any utility companies) upon, across, over and under the Residential Units and Common Areas for ingress, egress, installation replacing, repairing and maintaining cable television systems, master television antenna systems, and similar systems, walkways, and all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewers, meter boxes, telephones, gas and electricity. This reserved easement may be assigned by Declarant or Developer by written agreement upon such terms and conditions as are acceptable to Declarant or Developer. If this reserved easement is assigned to the Association, the Board shall, upon written request, grant such easements as may be reasonably necessary for the development of the Property.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, there are hereby reserved for the Town of Schererville, Indiana and the Town of Dyer, Indiana, easements across all Residential Units for ingress, egress, installation, reading, replacing, repairing and maintaining water meters.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this section, no sewers, electrical lines, water lines, or other utilities may be installed or relocated on Residential Units, except as may be approved by the Association's Board of Directors or as provided in the development and sale by Developer. Should any entity furnishing a service covered by the general easement herein provided request a specific easement by separate recordable document, the Board of Directors shall have the right to grant such easement without conflicting with the terms hereof. The easements provided for in this Section shall in no way adversely affect any other recorded easement on the Property.

**Section 5.** Easement on Common Areas. Owners shall have an easement for use and enjoyment on the Common Areas subject to this Declaration and the Rule and Regulations. Developer, Declarant and the Association grant each Owner an easement for full use and enjoyment, subject to the Association's right to suspend such easement while an Owner is in violation of this Declaration.

**Section 6.** Right of Entry. The Association shall have the right and license, but shall not be obligated, to enter into the Common Area and any Residential Unit for emergency, security and safety, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, safety, employees, managers, and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter a Residential Unit to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in the event an Owner fails

or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board. There is hereby granted to the Association, and its agents, employees, managers and independent contractors, a license to enter upon all Residential Units to the extent necessary or appropriate for the conduct of the Association's responsibility under Article IV.

**Section 7.** Easement for Construction and Development. All of the Property shall be subject to easements for driveways, walkways, parking areas, water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drainage facilities, gas lines, telephone and electric power lines and other public utilities for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Property. In addition, there is hereby reserved by the Declarant and its agents and employees, as easement for right of ingress, egress and regress on and across all of the Property including the Residential Units for the purpose of construction of the improvements within the Property, including the right of temporary storage of construction materials and repair of any defects. Declarant reserves blanket easements and the right to grant such specific easements over all of the Property as may be necessary in conjunction with the orderly development of the Property described in Exhibit A or any Subsequent Amendment to this Declaration.

**Section 8.** Regulated Drain Perpetual Maintenance Agreement. The Association acknowledges that Dyer Ditch is a regulated drain under the jurisdiction of the Lake County Drainage Board. The Association shall perform periodic maintenance as needed or as directed by the Lake County Drainage Board on the regulated drain in perpetuity. Maintenance by the Association shall include, but is not limited to: sediment removal; trash/debris removal; tree/brush cutting and removal, and/or any other such items of maintenance as directed by the Lake County Drainage Board. The Association shall perform such maintenance at its sole cost and expense, and at no cost to the Lake County Drainage Board or the Lake County Surveyor. The Association shall have the responsibility to obtain the permits that may be required for items of maintenance mentioned above (federal, state and local). The Association shall notify in writing the Lake County Drainage Board five (5) days in advance, of the intended starting date of any such maintenance. The Lake County Drainage Board or Lake County Surveyor shall be entitled to bring an action to enforce the obligations of the Association set forth in this Section 8.

**Section 9.** Detention Ponds and Walking Trails. Detention ponds have been established in Outlot 'A' for the purpose of controlling storm water. In addition, walking trails have been established in Outlot 'A' for recreation. Outlot 'A' will be or has been deeded to the Association and it shall be the responsibility of the Association to perform all maintenance, repair, and replacement including, but not limited to lawn mowing, weed control, wetland protection and walking trails in a manner consistent with the Town of Dyer requirements. Outlot 'A' has also been recorded as a walking trail and utility easement. While Outlot 'A' is owned by the Association, the public shall have rights to access the walking trail. The Association shall also bear the cost of repairing any damage to the walking trail or ponds that results from the cleaning of Dyer Ditch by Lake County. If at any time in the future the Association fails and/or refuses to perform any and all necessary maintenance, repair, lawn mowing or weed control in a manner consistent with the Town of Dyer requirements, as defined by the Town of Dyer in its sole discretion, the Owners shall be jointly liable and responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by the Town of Dyer in performing any and all maintenance, repair, lawn mowing or weed control of the detention ponds. Such costs and expenses that may be incurred by the Town of Dyer shall constitute a lien upon each of the Lots 1-125, inclusive. Said lien shall be certified by the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Dyer in an instrument identifying the total cost and expenses incurred by the Town of Dyer and shall be recorded with the Office of the Lake County Recorder, which lien may be foreclosed by the Town of Dyer in accordance with applicable law.

In the event that the Town of Dyer initiates legal proceedings to foreclose such lien, it shall be entitled to recover and collect from the Owners of Lots 1-125 its reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

**Section 10.**     Conservation Easement. A conservation easement has been established along the northern and southern border of the Property as shown on the recorded plat. This easement has been established to protect the existing wetland areas within the easement. It shall be the responsibility of the Association to preserve the wetland area within the easement in perpetuity. Preservation shall include the removal of potentially harmful vegetation as well as the removal of debris that encroaches upon the easement. No modifications will be allowed within the easement area unless first approved by the Regulatory Branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Detroit District. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations require that the placement of dredged or fill material into wetlands must receive authorization and may require mitigation for adverse impacts.

### **ARTICLE III** **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

**Section 1.**     Membership. Every Owner, as defined in Section 12 of Article I, shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. In the event the Owner of a Residential Unit is more than one (1) person or entity, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided herein. In no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast for each Residential Unit.

**Section 2.**     Voting. The Association shall have one (1) class of membership. Members shall be entitled on all issues to one (1) vote for each Residential Unit in which they hold an interest required for membership by Section 1 hereof. There shall be only one (1) vote per Residential Unit, and the vote for such Residential Unit shall be exercised as those Persons themselves determine and they shall advise the Secretary of the Association prior to any meeting as to that determination. In the absence of such determination, the Residential Unit's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one (1) person or entity seeks to exercise it.

Any Owner of Residential Units which are leased may, in the lease or other written instrument, assign the voting right appurtenant to that Residential Unit to the lessee, provided that a copy of such instrument is furnished to the Secretary prior to any meeting.

The voting rights of Members shall be subject to the Declarant's rights and provisions of Article XVI.

### **ARTICLE IV** **MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**

**Section 1.**     Association's Responsibility. The Association's responsibility for maintenance, repair and replacement of the Property shall be limited to the providing of all maintenance, repair and replacement of:

- a.     The driveways and parking areas and shall include, but not limited to, all sealing, repairing, reconstruction, repaving, and snow and ice removal and the cleaning of such driveways and parking areas.

- b. Any sidewalks which Developer is required to construct for use by the public, if any.
- c. Any divided fences or hedges erected or placed between the Project and adjacent projects or developments by the Developer.
- d. Any Common Areas owned by the Association.
- e. Roadway easement, and entrance monument.
- f. Existing trees.
- g. Lawns and landscaping.
- h. Exterior painting of the Residential Units.
- i. Any other matters within the Property, including but not limited to other exterior items such as roofing, siding, windows, doors, etc., as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association on a community-wide basis. In no way shall this subparagraph create an affirmative obligation to perform such community-wide work.

**Section 2.** **Owners Responsibility.** Subject to Section 1 of this Article IV, all maintenance, repair and replacement of the Residential Unit and all structures, and other improvements located within the Residential Unit shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof who shall perform such maintenance in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard of the Project and the applicable covenants, except as and to the extent otherwise required by this Declaration, and the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association. It shall be the obligation and responsibility of each Owner of a Residential Unit to cooperate in full and in good faith with each of the other Owners of Residential Units which are a part of the same building, with regard to performance of all maintenance, repair and replacement of portions of the building commonly shared but not maintained by the Association, including the cost thereof. For instance, if a main utility line (such as sanitary line) is shared, the cost of maintenance repair and replacement shall be shared equally. In the event of any dispute between or among Owners as to the foregoing obligation and responsibility, any one Owner shall have the right to require that such dispute be submitted to a simple majority decision of the Board of Directors of the Association, which decision shall be final and binding on all the Owners involved in that building.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES**

**Section 1.** **Insurance.** The Association may, but shall not under any circumstances be obligated to, obtain and continue in effect adequate blanket all-risk casualty insurance in such forms as the Board of Directors deems appropriate for the full replacement cost of all structures and the Residential Units, as well as public liability insurance. If the Association elects not to obtain such casualty insurance, then each Owner shall obtain such insurance in accordance with Section 2 of this Article. Each Owner shall assume that the Association has elected not to acquire

all-risk casualty insurance. All provisions of this Article shall apply to all policy provisions, loss adjustment and all other subjects of all policies of insurance whether such policies are obtained by the Association or the Owners, or both.

Each Owner shall also obtain a public liability policy covering the Residential Unit owned by such Owner, and shall name the Association and all of its members as additional insureds for all damages or injury caused by the negligence of such Owner. The public liability insurance policy shall have at least Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) dollar single person limit as respects to bodily injury and property damage, a Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) dollar limit per occurrence, and a Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) dollar minimum property damage limit.

Premiums for insurance obtained by the Association shall be a Common Expense of the Association and shall be included in the Assessment, as defined in Article IX. Premiums for insurance obtained by Owners shall be paid by such Owners.

All casualty insurance coverage obtained by the Association or by any Owner shall be for the respective benefited parties, as further identified in subparagraph B. below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth.

A. All policies shall be written with a company licensed to do business in Indiana and holding a rating of XI or better in the Financial Category as established by A.M. Best Company, Inc., if reasonably available, or if not available, the most nearly equivalent rating, and shall be for the full replacement cost. All such policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance for each Member to be furnished to the Association.

B. All policies on Residential Units shall be for the benefit of the Residential Unit Owners and their Mortgagees as their interests may appear. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall be added to the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost. The deductible shall be paid by the party who would be responsible for the repair in the absence of insurance and in the event of multiple parties shall be allocated in relation to the amount each party's loss bears to the total.

C. Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies in force on Residential Units shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors; provided, however, no Mortgagee having any interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.

D. In no event shall any insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's Board of Director's hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, Occupants or their Mortgagees.

E. All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement, if reasonably available, and an agreed amount endorsement with an annual review by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with the construction in the Lake County area.

F. The Association's Board of Directors and the Owners shall make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide the following:



1. A waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claim against the Association's Board of Directors, its managers, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents and guests;
2. A waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct, instead of paying cash;
3. That no policy obtained by the Association may be canceled, invalidated or suspended on account of any one or more individual Owners;
4. That no policy obtained by the Association may be canceled, invalidated or suspended on account of the conduct of any Director, officer or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which the defect may be cured by the Association, its managers, any Owner or Mortgagee;
5. That any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude Association and individual Owner's policies from consideration; and
6. That no policy may be canceled or substantially modified without at least ten (10) days prior written notice to the Association.

In addition to the other insurance required by this section, the Board shall obtain, as a Common Expense, worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent reasonably necessary, a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, and public liability insurance for all Common Areas with the same coverage's and limits as are required hereby for public liability insurance to be carried by Owners. The amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the director's best business judgment, but may not be less than three (3) months' Assessments, plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and may not be canceled or substantially modified without at least (10) days' prior written notice to the Association.

**Section 2.** Individual Insurance. By virtue of taking title to a Residential Unit subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each individual Owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance on the Residential Units and structures constructed thereon as provided for in Section 1 of this Article V, unless the Association carries such insurance, which it is not obligated to do. Each individual Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of any loss, damage and destruction, the proceeds of such insurance shall be used only in accordance with this Declaration. In the event that the structure is totally destroyed and by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all Members entitled to vote (not three-fourths (3/4) of a quorum), it is determined, subject to the further requirements of Section 4 of this Article V, not to rebuild or to reconstruct, the individual Owner shall clear the Residential Unit of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction. A decision not to rebuild or reconstruct shall under no circumstances relieve or discharge an Owner from the obligation to pay Assessments to the Association.

**Section 3.**      **Disbursement of Proceeds.** Proceeds of insurance policies shall be paid to the Insurance Trustee to be disbursed as follows:

- a.      If the damage or destruction for which the proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, the proceeds, or such portion thereof as may be required for such purpose, shall be disbursed in payment of such repair or reconstruction as hereinafter provided. Any proceeds remaining after defraying such costs of repairs or reconstruction or, in the event no repair or reconstruction is made, shall be disbursed to the affected Owner or Owners and their Mortgagee(s) as their interests may appear. This is a covenant for the benefit of any Mortgagee of a Residential Unit and may be enforced by such Mortgagee.
- b.      If it is determined, as provided for in Section 2 of this Article, that the damage or destruction for which the proceeds are paid shall not be repaired or reconstructed, such proceeds shall be disbursed in the manner as provided for in Section 3.a. of this Article V.

**Section 4.**      **Damage and Destruction.**

A.      Immediately after the damage or destruction by fire or other casualty or any part of a Residential Unit, the Board of Directors, or its duly authorized agent, shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed properties. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the Residential Units to substantially the same condition in which they existed prior to the fire or other casualty.

B.      Any damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed unless by a vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of all Members entitled to vote (not three-fourths (3/4) of a quorum) a decision is made within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair or reconstruct. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within said period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed.

C.      In the event that it should be determined by the Association in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then and in that event the Residential Unit shall be restored to its natural state by the Owners thereof and maintained as an undeveloped portion of the Project by the Association in a clean and attractive condition.

**Section 5.**      **Repair and Reconstruction.** If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Members, levy a special Assessment against the Owner or Owners of Residential Units affected by such damage or destruction. Additional Assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction.

**Section 6.** Appointment of Insurance Trustee. The Association, as Insurance Trustee, shall have the right to appoint any Federal or State bank which is qualified to offer trust services to the public as Insurance Trustee hereunder, and upon such appointment shall be relieved of all liability and responsibility as Insurance Trustee hereunder.

## **ARTICLE VII** **NO PARTITION**

Except as is permitted in the Declaration or amendments thereto, there shall be no physical partition of a Residential Unit or any part thereof, nor shall any person acquiring any interest in any Residential Unit or any part thereof seek any such judicial partition unless the Property has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Article shall not be construed to, prohibit the Board of Directors from acquiring title to real property which may not be subject to this Declaration.

## **ARTICLE VIII** **CONDEMNATION**

Whenever all or any part of a Residential Unit shall be taken (or conveyed in lieu of and under threat of condemnation by the Owner) by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner and the Association shall be entitled to notice thereof. The award made for such taking shall be payable to the Insurance Trustee to be disbursed as follows:

If the taking involved a portion of a Residential Unit on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking a vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of all Members entitled to vote (not three-fourths (3/4) of a quorum), the Association shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Residential Unit to the extent lands are available therefor, in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. If such improvements are to be repaired or restored, the above provisions in Article V hereof regarding the disbursement of funds in respect to casualty damage or destruction which is to be repaired shall apply. If the taking does not involve any improvements on the Residential Unit, or if there is a decision made not to repair or restore, or if there are net funds remaining after such restoration or replacement is completed, then such net funds shall be disbursed to the Owner and its Mortgagee as their interests may appear. This is a covenant for the benefit of any Mortgagee of a Residential Unit and may be enforced by such Mortgagee.

## **ARTICLE IX** **RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Section 1.** Creation of Assessments. There are hereby created Assessments for Common Expenses as may be from time to time specifically authorized by the Board of Directors to be commenced at the time and in the manner set forth in this Article IX, Section 6. Assessments shall be allocated equally among all Residential Units within the Association and shall be for expenses determined by the Board to be for the benefit of the Association or the Owners. Each Owner, by acceptance of his or her deed or recorded contract of sale, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these Assessments, together with the interest rate of twelve percent

(12%) per annum, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a charge on the Residential Unit and shall be a continuing lien upon the Residential Unit against which each Assessment is made.

Each Assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Residential Unit at the time of the Assessment arose, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable which accrued prior to such acquisition of title. Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors; unless the Board otherwise provides, the Assessments shall be paid in yearly installments.

**Section 2.** Computation of Assessment. It shall be the duty of the Board, at least sixty (60) days before the beginning of the budget year (the budget year shall be from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30) and thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the budget shall be presented to the membership, to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming budget year. The budget shall include the Common Expenses and appropriate reserves. The Board shall cause a copy of the budget, and the amount of the Assessments to be levied against each Residential Unit for the following budget year to be delivered to each Owner at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The budget and the Assessments shall become effective when adopted by the Board of Directors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for the succeeding budget year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the then current budget year shall continue for the succeeding budget year.

The Board may not, without the vote or written consent of a majority of the votes of the Association, impose an Assessment per Residential Unit which is greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the amount for the previous fiscal year, except for (i) the Assessment levied for the first time (ii) an Assessment caused by violation of this Declaration or the negligence or intentional misconduct of an Owner, its licensees or invitees and (iii) a special Assessment.

The initial Assessment as of the time this Declaration was recorded is Eighty-Five (\$85.00) Dollars per month per Residential Unit.

**Section 3.** Special Assessments. In addition to the Assessments authorized in Section 1, the Association may levy a Special Assessment or Special Assessments in any year applicable to that year; provided, however, such Special Assessment for any purpose other than as a sanction against an Owner shall have the vote or written assent of fifty-one (51) percent of a quorum of Members entitled to vote at a meeting called for the purpose. The Association may also levy a Special Assessment as a sanction against any Member to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing a Member and his or her Residential Unit into compliance with the provisions of the Declaration, amendments thereto, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-laws and Rules and Regulations, which Special Assessment may be levied upon the affirmative vote of the Board.

**Section 4.** Liens for Assessments. When a notice of the lien has been recorded such Assessment shall constitute a perfected lien on each Residential Unit prior and superior to all other liens, except (1) all taxes, bonds, assessments, and other levies which by law would be

superior thereto, and (2) the lien or charge of any first Mortgage of record (meaning any recorded Mortgage with first priority over other Mortgages) made in good faith and for value.

Such lien, when delinquent, may be enforced by suit, judgment and foreclosure.

The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid for the Residential Unit at foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. During the period owned by the Association following foreclosure: (a) No right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (b) No Assessment shall be assessed or levied on it; and (c) each other Residential Unit shall be charged, in addition to its usual Assessment, its equal pro rata share of the Assessments that would have been charged such Residential Unit had it not been acquired by the Association as a result of foreclosure. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid Assessments and attorneys' fees shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

**Section 5. Capital Budget and Contributions.** In the event that the Association becomes the owner of any capital asset, or is charged with the duty for the upkeep, maintenance and repair of a capital asset, the Board of Directors shall annually prepare a capital budget which shall take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall set the required capital contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital budget, with respect to both the amount and timing by Assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required shall be fixed by the Board and included within the budget and Assessment, as provided in Section 2 of this Article. A copy of the capital budget shall be distributed to each Member in the same manner as the operating budget.

**Section 6. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments.** The Assessments provided herein shall commence as to each Residential Unit on the day of the conveyance of title to an Owner by Declarant. Assessments shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide. The first annual Assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months then remaining in that budget year. Declarant or Developer shall not be obligated to pay any Assessments or special Assessments.

**Section 7. Subordination of the Lien to First Deed of Trust and First Mortgages.** The lien of the Assessments, including interest, late charges subject to the limitations of Indiana law, and costs (including attorney's fees) provided for herein, shall be subordinate to the lien of any Mortgage upon any Residential Unit. The sale or transfer of any Residential Unit shall not affect the Assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Residential Unit pursuant to judicial or non judicial foreclosure of a first mortgage shall extinguish the lien of such Assessment as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Residential Unit from lien rights for any Assessments thereafter becoming due. Where the Mortgagee of a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Residential Unit obtains title, his or her successors and assigns shall not be liable for the share of Common Expenses or Assessments by the Association chargeable to such Residential Unit which became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Residential Unit by such acquirer. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses or Assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from all of the Residential Units, including such acquirer, his or her successors and assigns.

**Section 8.** Initial Assessment Payment. Upon acquisition of record title to a Residential Unit from Declarant, each Owner shall pay to the Association an amount equal to the monthly Assessment for the remaining portion of that month and the next month to apply to the regular monthly Assessment. Upon the acquisition of record title to a Residential Unit from Declarant, each Owner shall pay to the Association the following amounts: two months of the initial Assessment for working capital and two months of the initial Assessment for reserves which shall not be credited against the regular Assessment.

## **ARTICLE X** **ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS**

The Board of Directors and Developer shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to enforce in courts of competent jurisdiction, decisions of the Architectural Review Committee established in Section 1 of this Article X. This Article may not be amended without the Declarant's written consent, so long as the Declarant owns any land subject to this Declaration or subject to annexation to this Declaration by Subsequent Amendment.

No construction, which term shall include within its definition staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work; no plantings or removal of plants, trees or shrubs; and no modifications, additions or alterations to the Property or Residential Units shall take place except in strict compliance with this Article, until the requirements thereof have been fully met, and until the approval of the Architectural Review Committee has been obtained.

**Section 1.** Architectural Review Committee. The Architectural Review Committee (the "ARC") shall consist of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The ARC shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all new or original construction, and all modifications or alterations (including color) made on or to existing Residential Units and the open space, if any, appurtenant thereto, and Common Areas.

**Section 2.** Review Procedure. Plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials and location of such new or original construction and such modifications, additions or alterations shall be submitted to the ARC for approval as to quality of workmanship and design and harmony of external design with existing structures, and as to location in relation to surrounding structures, topography and finish grade elevation. No permission or approval shall be required to repaint in accordance with an originally approved color scheme, or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the right of an Owner to remodel the interior of his or her Residential Unit, or to paint the interior of his or her Residential Unit any color desired. In the event the ARC fails to approve or to disapprove such plans within one hundred eighty (180) days after submission, the plans shall be deemed approved.

## **ARTICLE XI** **USE RESTRICTIONS**

**Section 1.** Residential Restrictions. The Property shall be used only for residential, personal, recreational and related purposes as may more particularly be set forth in this Declaration and amendments thereto. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors,

shall have standing and the power to enforce use restrictions contained in any such declaration as if such provisions were a regulation of the Association. Home offices which do not increase traffic within the Property shall be considered residential uses and related purposes if the Residential Unit is occupied as a residence by the persons using it as a home office.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the Declaration to the contrary, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant and Developer to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities as, in the sole opinion of Declarant and Developer, may be reasonably required, convenient or incidental to the construction or sale of residences whether located on the Property or elsewhere, including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model units and sales offices, and the Declarant and Developer shall have an easement for access to such facilities. The right to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities shall include specifically the right to use Residential Units owned by the Declarant or Developer as models and sales offices. This Section may not be amended without the express written consent of the Declarant; provided, however the rights contained in this Section 1 shall be terminated upon the earlier of seven (7) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, or upon the Declarant's recording a written statement that all sales activity has ceased.

**Section 2.** Nuisances. No nuisances shall be allowed upon any Residential Unit nor shall any use or practice be allowed which would annoy residents or interfere with the peaceful possession and proper use of the Residential Units by its residents, or which will obstruct or interfere with the rights of other Owners or the Association. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit or limit the enforcement of any provision of the Declaration which does not constitute a nuisance, or to prohibit the Association from adopting Rules and Regulations prohibiting conduct which does not constitute a nuisance.

**Section 3.** Immoral, Improper, Offensive and Unlawful Uses. No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of any Residential Unit nor any part thereof and all laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed. The respective responsibilities of Owners and the Association of complying with the requirements of governmental bodies regarding the maintenance, modification or repair of Residential Units shall be the same as provided in Article IV hereof.

**Section 4.** Uses Affecting Insurance Rates. An Owner shall not permit or suffer anything to be done or kept in a Residential Unit which will increase the insurance rates on any adjacent Residential Unit.

**Section 5.** Signs and Other External Items. No Owner shall display any sign, advertisement or notice of any type on the exterior of a Residential Unit, in a window, on a lawn or in any part of the Property for as long as Declarant owns any Residential Unit or five (5) years after this Declaration is recorded, whichever is earlier [After such period, only temporary but tasteful "for sale" or "for rent" signs according to the terms as set forth in the Rules and Regulations or the Bylaws may be displayed in lawns]. No Owner shall erect any exterior antennae, aerials or awnings upon any Residential Unit. No clothesline or any similar device shall be allowed on any portion of any Residential Unit.

**Section 6.** Animals. An Owner may not keep, raise or breed any animals, livestock or poultry in or on a Residential Unit, provided, however that two (2) pets only shall be allowed to be kept in or on a Residential Unit, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

**Section 7.** Vehicles. No motor homes, campers, trailers, boats of any kind, or trucks in excess of ¾ ton capacity, shall be parked at any time on any Residential Unit, except inside closed garages in a manner that shall allow the garage door to close entirely.

**Section 8.** Leasing Restrictions. All lease or rental agreements must be in writing. Residential Units shall not be leased for an initial term of less than six (6) months, nor for less than thirty (30) days for any term thereafter.

**Section 9.** Basketball Equipment. No basketball hoops or backboards are permitted on any Common Area, lot or Residential Unit.

**Section 10.** Control of Dogs. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall any dogs be allowed on the Property which are a breed known to bite people, such as pit bulls, Doberman Pinschers, German Shepherds, Rottweiler, etc. Every person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any permitted dog shall keep such dog exclusively upon his or her own premises; provided, however, that such dog may be off the premises if it be under the control of a competent person and restrained by a chain, leash or other means of adequate physical control.

**Section 11.** Rules and Regulations. Rules and Regulations concerning the use of the Residential Units may be promulgated and amended by the Association acting by and made through its Board of Directors each of which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by referenced and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time; provided, however, copies of all such Rules and Regulations shall be furnished to each Owner prior to the time that the same become effective. The initial Rules and Regulations are attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "D". The Rules and Regulations set forth on Exhibit "D" and all rules and regulations promulgated from time to time shall be deemed to be reasonable and enforceable, so long as they bear any relationship to the safety, health, happiness and enjoyment of life of all the Owners, are in furtherance of a plan to provide for the congenial occupation of the Residential Units, to promote and protect the cooperative aspects of ownership, the value of the Residential Units, and/or facilitate the administration of the community as a first class, safe, healthy, happy, quiet and restful residential community, and are not arbitrary and capricious. The Board of Directors of the Association is hereby granted the specific power and authority to enforce said Rules and Regulations in accordance with the provisions of Article XII.

## **ARTICLE XII** **ENFORCEMENT**

Each Owner and Occupant of a Residential Unit shall be governed by and shall comply with the terms of the Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and the Rules and Regulations of the Association adopted pursuant thereto as they may be amended from time to time. A default or violation by an Owner or Occupant of a Residential Unit shall entitle the Association, Declarant, Developer or any other Owner or Occupant to the following remedies:

**Section 1.** Authority and Administrative Enforcement and Procedures.



A. Authority. Residential Units shall be used only for those uses and purposes set out in this Declaration, and subject to the Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements set forth herein, and in the By-laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to impose reasonable Special Assessments in accordance with Article IX Section 3, which shall constitute a lien upon the Owner's Residential Unit and to suspend an Owner's right to vote or use the Common Areas, and to approve other appropriate sanctions in the event that it is determined in accordance with this Article XII that an Owner or Occupant has violated any provisions of this Declaration, the By-laws, or the Rules and Regulations as duly promulgated.

B. Procedure. The Board of Directors shall not impose a Special Assessment as a sanction, suspend the right to vote, or infringe upon any other rights of an Owner or Occupant for any such violations unless and until the following procedure is followed:

1. Demand. Written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation shall be served upon the alleged violator specifying: (a) the alleged violation; (b) the action required to abate the violation; and (c) a time period, not less than ten (10) days, during which the violation may be abated without further sanction.
2. Notice. If the violation continues past the period allowed in the demand for abatement without sanction, the Association shall serve the violator with written notice of a hearing. The notice shall contain; (a) the nature of the alleged violation; (b) the time and place of the hearing, which time shall not be less than ten (10) days from the giving of the notice; (c) an invitation to attend the hearing and produce any statements, evidence and/or witnesses in his/her behalf and (d) the proposed sanction to be imposed.
3. Hearing. The hearing shall be held in executive session by the Board of Directors pursuant to the notice, affording the violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of notice, the invitation to be heard, the written result and statements of the sanction shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery is entered by the officer or director who delivered such notice. The notice requirements shall be deemed satisfied if a violator appears at the meeting.

C. Sanctions. The Board of Director's power and authority to impose sanctions shall be governed by the following provisions:

1. All Special Assessments imposed upon a violator under this Article shall bear a reasonable relationship to the violation, considering all the circumstances, which may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
  - a. The actual costs and expenses incurred by the Board of Directors and the individual directors in the exercise of the power and

authority under this Article XII, and in otherwise attempting to remedy the violation.

- b. The amount of actual damage done to the other Owners and Occupants and/or their Residential Units and/or to the Association arising out of the violation or the efforts to remedy the effects of the same.
  - c. The amount which would be reasonably required to compensate the Association for the disruption of and inconvenience to, the community, the Association or any Member thereof, or Occupant of a Residential unit.
  - d. The extent to which the violation is or was flagrant, and the extent to which the violator cooperated or hindered in any effort to remedy the violation.
2. All Special Assessment amounts imposed hereunder as a sanction shall be deemed to be a part of the Assessment attributable to the Residential Unit occupied by the Violator, and shall be assessed against said Residential Unit and its Owner as a Special Assessment to be due and payable on the date the next Assessment would be due, and any such Special Assessments which are not paid as of the date shall become a lien on such Residential Unit, and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as Assessments.
  3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as granting to the Board of Directors the power of attorney to impose such a Special Assessment which is punitive in nature, or to suspend an Owner's right to vote, unless the Board of

Directors finds, by specific special findings of fact in accordance with the foregoing procedure, that the violator/s conduct was willful, malicious, oppressive, and outrageous in nature. Said special findings of fact shall set forth all facts and circumstances.

4. All other sanctions imposed shall be reasonably related to the violation found.
5. The decision of the Board of Directors made in accordance with the foregoing procedures shall be final.

**Section 2.** Legal Remedies. In addition to the administrative remedies set forth in Article XII Section 1, the legal remedies may include, without limiting the same, an action to recover sums due for damages, injunctive relief, foreclosure of lien, an action to enforce the sanctions imposed by administrative procedure, or any combination thereof. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs of any legal proceeding including reasonable attorneys' fees.

**Section 3.** No Waiver of Rights. The failure of the Association, Declarant, Developer, Occupant or an Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which

may be granted by this Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, By-law's and Rules and Regulations or by law, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.

**Section 4.** **No Election of Remedies.** All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association, Declarant, Developer, Occupant or any Owner pursuant to any terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, By-laws and Rules and Regulations or by law, shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall no deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party thus exercising the same from exercising such other and additional rights, remedies or privileges.

### **ARTICLE XIII** **AMENDMENT**

The Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and Rules and Regulations may be amended in the following manner:

**Section 1.** **Declaration.** Subject to Article XV, amendments to the Declaration shall be proposed and adopted as follows, provided however, that no amendment may revoke, remove or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant or Developer, without the Declarant's and Developer's written consent.

A. **Notice.** Notice of the subject matter of any proposed amendment may be included in the Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors of Owners at which any proposed amendment is to be considered.

B. **Resolution.** Except as provided in subparagraph D. hereof, a resolution to amend the Declaration may be adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members (not three-fourths (3/4) of a quorum) at any regular or special meeting of the Members called and held in accordance with the By-laws; provided, however, that any such amendment must also be approved and ratified by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the Board of Directors (not three-fourths (3/4) of a quorum).

C. **Recording.** The amendment shall not be effective until a certified copy thereof is recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana. A copy of any such amendment shall also be sent to each Owner and his or her Mortgagee by registered or certified mail; provided, however, the mailing of such amendment shall not constitute a condition precedent to the effectiveness of such amendment.

D. **Amendments by Declarant.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Declaration, and in addition to any other right to amend elsewhere set forth herein, the Declarant alone may amend this Declaration, or the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and Rules and Regulations, without the consent of the Owners, the Association, the Board of Directors or any Mortgagee, or any other person, (1) to correct scrivener's errors, minor defects or omissions, or (2) to comply with the requirements of Indiana law, or (3) to comply with the requirements of any governmental agency, public authority, or title insurance company, or (4) to comply with the requirements of the Federal Home Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Housing Association, the Veterans Administration, or any other

governmental agency or any other public, quasi-public or private entity which performs (or may in the future perform) functions similar to those currently performed by each such entity, (5) to add additional real estate by Subsequent Amendment or replat any real estate pursuant to Article XVII hereof, or (6) any other amendment that does not materially affect an Owner's use and enjoyment of his or her Residential Unit. This subparagraph D. shall constitute an irrevocable special power of attorney to Declarant on behalf of all Owners, Mortgagees, and any and all other persons having an interest of any kind in the Property, for so long as Declarant owns any Residential Unit or until the expiration of five (5) years from the date on which this Declaration is recorded, whichever occurs first. The amendment shall be signed by the Declarant and it shall become effective upon the recording of a copy thereof in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana. A copy of such amendment shall also be sent to all Owners and their Mortgagees in the manner provided in subparagraph C. hereof.

**Section 2.** Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and Rules and Regulations. The Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and Rules and Regulations of the Association shall be amended in the manner provided by such documents or by law.

#### **ARTICLE XIV** **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1.** Term. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument in writing, signed by a majority of the then Owners, has been recorded within the year preceding and the beginning of each successive period of ten (10) years, agreeing to change said covenants and restrictions, in whole or in part, or to terminate the same.

**Section 2.** Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify every officer and director against any and all expenses, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon any officer or director in connection with any action, suit or other proceedings (including settlement of any suit or proceedings, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such Officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall, as a Common Expenses, maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

**Section 3.** Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4.** **Perpetuities.** If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

## **ARTICLE XV** **MORTGAGEES' RIGHTS**

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders, insurers, or guarantors of first Mortgages on Residential Units. To the extent applicable, necessary, or proper, the provisions of this Article XV apply to both this Declaration and to the By-laws of Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association, Inc. Where indicated, these provisions apply to "Eligible Holders", as hereinafter defined; provided, however, voting percentages set forth herein are subject to and controlled by higher percentage requirements, if any, set forth elsewhere in this Declaration for specific actions.

**Section 1.** **Notices of Action.** A n institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage, who provides written request (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer of guarantor and the Residential Unit address), to the Association (therefor becoming an "Eligible Holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:

- a. any proposed termination of the Association;
- b. any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Property or which affects any Residential Unit on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such Eligible Holder;
- c. any delinquency in the payment of Assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Residential Unit subject to the Mortgage of such Eligible Holder, insurer or guarantor, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days;
- d. any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association; or
- e. any proposed action which would require the consent of Eligible Holders, as required in Section 2 of this Article.

**Section 2.** **Mortgagee's Rights Respecting Amendments to the Declaration.** To the extent possible under Indiana law, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article XIII, any amendment of a material nature must be approved by Eligible Holders representing at least fifty-one (51) percent of the votes of Residential Units that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Holders. An amendment to any of the following shall be considered material:

- a. voting rights;
- b. Assessments, Assessment liens, or subordination of Assessment liens;
- c. reserves for maintenance and repairs;

- d. boundaries of any Residential Unit;
- e. convertibility of Residential Units into Common Areas or vice versa;
- f. expansion of the Project (to include real estate not described in Exhibits "A" or not adjacent thereto), or the contraction of the Project or withdrawal of property to or from the Project;
- g. insurance or fidelity bonds;
- h. leasing of Residential Units;
- i. imposition or any restrictions on an Owner's right to sell or transfer his or her Residential Unit;
- j. a decision by the Association to establish self management when professional management had not been required previously by an Eligible Holder;
- k. restoration or repair of the Project (after a hazard damage or partial condemnation) in a manner other than that specified in the Declaration;
- l. any action to terminate the legal status of the Project after substantial destruction or condemnation occurs, provided however, that any action to terminate the legal status of the Project for reasons other than substantial destruction or condemnation shall require the consent of Eligible Holder's representing sixty-seven (67) percent of the votes of Residential Units; or
- m. any provisions that expressly benefit mortgage holders, insurers or guarantors.

**Section 3. Special FHLMC Provision.** So long as required by FHLMC, the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the Sections of this Article. Unless two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Owners give their consent, the Association shall not:

- a. change the method of determining the obligations, Assessments, dues or other charges which may be levied against an Owner;
- b. by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of Residential Units and of any Common Area;
- c. fail to maintain fire and extended coverage insurance, as required by this Declaration; or
- d. use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Area losses for other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of such.

The provisions of this Section 3 shall not be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must be obtained from Mortgagees or Owners where a large percentage vote is otherwise required for any of the actions contained in this Section.

**Section 4.** **Mortgagee's Right to Cure.** First Mortgagees may, jointly or singly pay taxes or other charges which are in default and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies, or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of the policy, and first Mortgagees making such payment shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

## **ARTICLE XVI** **DECLARANT'S RIGHTS**

**Section 1.** **Control by Declarant.** In addition to any other right or privilege given or granted or reserved to Declarant and Developer under this Declaration, the Declarant and/or Developer shall have the right to elect all members of the Board of Directors of the Association, and all members of the ARC, for as long as the Declarant has any ownership in any of the Residential Units or until the expiration of five (5) years after the date on which this Declaration is recorded or Subsequent Amendment is recorded, whichever is later. The members elected by the Declarant and/or Developer need not be Occupants, Owners or Members.

**Section 2.** **Absence of Warranty** The Declarant specifically disclaims any warranty or representation in connection with the Property, Common Area or this Declaration except as specifically set forth herein; and no Person shall rely upon any warranty or representation except as set forth herein. No express warranties are given to the Association whatsoever and the implied warranty of habitability, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose are disclaimed. Any estimates of Assessments are believed to be accurate, but no warranty or guaranty is made or intended, nor may one be relied upon.

**Section 3.** **Assessment Exemption.** Declarant and Developer shall be exempt from any Assessment levied by the Association on any or all Residential Units owned by the Declarant, which are unoccupied and offered by the Declarant and Developer for the first time for sale or used as a model or sales office.

**Section 4.** **Right to Amend Declaration.** The Declarant shall have the right to amend the Declaration, and the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws and Rules and Regulations, in accordance with Article XIII Section 1 D.

**Section 5.** **Transfer of Rights.** Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant may be transferred to other persons or entities, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained herein, and provided further, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Official Records of Lake County, Indiana.

**Section 6.** **Litigation Against Declarant or Developer.** The Association shall not commence any litigation against the Declarant or Developer until at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the Members have approved of that action in a meeting of the Members or in a written consent of the Members. Litigation shall mean only arbitration, and in no circumstance shall the Association commence any lawsuit against Declarant and/or Developer.

Any and all claims, disputes and controversies by and between the Association (and Owners) and Declarant and/or Developer arising from or related to this Declaration, the Property,

Common Areas, any improvements to the Property, the sale of the Property, including, without limitation, any claim of breach of contract, negligence, negligent or intentional misrepresentation or non disclosure in the inducement, execution or performance of any contract, including this arbitration agreement, and breach of any alleged duty of good faith and fair dealings, shall be submitted to arbitration by and pursuant to the rules of Construction Arbitration Services, Inc. (hereinafter CAS) in effect at the time of the request for arbitration or by such other arbitration service as Declarant or Developer shall, in its sole discretion select, and pursuant to the rules of that arbitration service in effect at the time of the request for arbitration. This arbitration agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by all successors and assigns or the parties. Any party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and cost incurred in enforcing this arbitration agreement, and the arbitrator shall have sole authority to award such fees and costs. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and may be entered as a judgment in any state or federal court of competent jurisdiction. This arbitration agreement shall be deemed to be a self executing arbitration agreement. Any disputes concerning interpretation or the enforceability of this arbitration agreement, including without limitation, its revocability or voidability for any cause, the scope of arbitrable issues and any defense based on waiver, estoppel or laches shall be decided by the arbitrator. The initiation of or participation by any party in any judicial proceedings concerning this arbitration agreement or any matter arbitrable hereunder shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to enforce this arbitration agreement, and notwithstanding provision of law to the contrary, shall not be asserted or accepted as a reason to delay, to refuse to participate in, or to refuse to enforce this arbitration agreement. Any party who shall commence a judicial proceeding concerning a dispute that is arbitrable, however, shall also be deemed a party requesting arbitration within the meaning of this arbitration agreement. The arbitrator's compensation shall be borne equally by the arbitrating parties. Any additional fees may be assessed in accordance with the arbitration rules and fees. Parties expressly agree that this arbitration agreement involves and concerns interstate commerce and is governed by the provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act (9 USC §1 *et seq.*) now in effect as the same may from time to time be amended, supplanted or replaced, to the exclusion of any different or inconsistent state or local law, ordinance or judicial rule; and to the extent that any local law, ordinance or judicial rule may be inconsistent with any provision of the rules of the arbitration service under which the arbitration proceeding shall be conducted, the latter rule shall govern the conduct of the proceedings. If any provision of this arbitration agreement shall be determined by arbitrator or by any court to be (i) non-enforceable or (ii) have been waived, the remaining provision shall be deemed to be severable therefrom and enforceable according to their terms.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY**

**Section 1.** Annexation Without Approval of Membership. As the owner thereof, or if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege and option, from time to time at any time until the end of the fifth (5th) year after the recording of this Declaration, to subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association all or any portion of real estate within a one (1) mile radius by filing in the Official Records of Lake County, Indiana, an amendment annexing such real estate. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Subsequent Amendment unless otherwise provided therein. Declarant shall have the unilateral right to transfer to any other person the said right, provided that such transferee or assignee shall be the Developer of at least a portion of said real estate described in this Section and that such transfer is memorialized in a written, recorded instrument.



Section 2. Amendment to this Article. This Article shall not be amended without the written consent of Declarant, so long as the Declarant owns any property described in Exhibit "A".

Section 3. Replatting. Declarant shall have and hereby reserves the right, at any time or from time to time, to file a replat of all or any part of the Property which is owned by Declarant or all or any real estate which is added to the Property by Subsequent Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this instrument to be signed as of this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003

**BRIAR COVE DEVELOPMENT, LLC**  
BY: OD ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: Frederick A. Olthof  
Frederick A. Olthof, President

STATE OF INDIANA )  
)SS:  
COUNTY OF LAKE )

I, Kimberly Jermolowicz Notary Public in and for said county in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Frederick A. Olthof, President of OD Enterprises, Inc., Manager of BRIAR COVE DEVELOPMENT LLC, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such manager appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed and delivered the said instrument as his own free and voluntary act, and as a free and voluntary act of BRIAR COVE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

Kimberly Jermolowicz  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/24/07  
County of Residence: LaKE



## Exhibit A

### Legal Description

The land described as:

PARCEL 1: That part of the North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 8, Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal Meridian, in the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, lying North of the Northerly right of way of the Joliet and Northern Indiana Railroad, now known as the Michigan Central Railroad.

PARCEL 2: That part of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal Meridian, in the Town of Dyer, Lake County, Indiana, lying Easterly of the center line of Dyer Ditch excepting therefrom the following described tract:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 7; thence West along the North line of Said Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , having an assumed bearing of North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 337.69 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 362.96 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 339.41 feet to the center line of Dyer Ditch; thence North 37 degrees 46 minutes 07 seconds West, along the center line of Dyer Ditch, 459.16 feet to the North line of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 7; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the North line of said Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 620.63 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting of the property as described as follows:

That part of the North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Section 8, Township 35, Range 9 West of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal Meridian, in the Town of Schererville, Lake County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 8; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 29 seconds East along the North line of said Section 8, a distance of 2665.38 feet to a point on the Westerly line of the Shell Pipeline Company Easement recorded April 12, 1952 per Document No. 602220; thence South 01 degrees 06 minutes 23 seconds East, a distance of 40.01 feet along said Westerly line to a point on a line 40.00 feet South of and parallel to said North line of Section 8 said point also being the place of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 29 seconds East along said parallel line, a distance of 1748.01 feet to the Northerly right of way line of Conrail Railroad (also known as Michigan Central Railroad and Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad); thence South 69 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds West along said Northerly right of way line, a distance of 1855.26 feet to said Westerly line of the Shell Pipeline Company Easement, thence North 01 degrees 06 minutes 23 seconds West along said Westerly line, a distance of 656.04 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 13.1606 acres more or less.

**EXHIBIT B**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator desiring to form a corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") pursuant to the provisions of the Indiana Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1991 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), executes the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the Corporation is **Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed is:

Section 1. To establish an incorporated association (hereinafter the "Association, Inc.") to administer a residential community known as Briar Cove Paired Cottages located in Lake County, Indiana, pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association (hereinafter the "Declaration").

Section 2. This Association is organized for the purpose of providing a convenient means of administering the residential community by the Owners thereof. The documents creating the community provide for the ownership, operation, management, maintenance and use of Residential Units as described in said documents.

Section 3. The Association shall not engage in any activities for the profit of its Members, and shall conduct its affairs in such fashion and for such purposes other than for the pecuniary gain of its Members, directors, officers or incorporators.

Section 4. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation nonprofit which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles.

Section 5. The Association shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purpose of the Association, including but not limited in the following;

- (a) To make and collect Assessments against Members.
- (b) To use the proceeds of Assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- (c) To maintain, repair, replace and operate the property in accordance with the Declaration.
- (d) To reconstruct improvements after casualty.

- (e) To make and amend rules and regulations respecting the use of Residential Units.
- (f) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, the By-laws of the Association, and the rules and regulations in accordance with Article IV of the Declaration.
- (g) To contract for the management of the Association and delegate to such contractor all powers and duties of the Association except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to have the approval of the Board of Directors or of the Members of the Association.
- (h) To carry insurance for the protection of Owners and the Association against casualty and liabilities.
- (i) To employ personnel for reasonable compensation to perform the services required for proper administration of the purposes of the Association.
- (j) To perform all other rights and obligations under the Declaration.

Section 6. All rights, powers and descriptions of purpose established by the Articles of Incorporation, shall be subject to the Declaration and all provisions contained therein as if fully set forth in these Articles, and shall further be subject to Indiana law governing nonprofit corporations.

Section 7. All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association and the proceeds thereof shall be held only for the benefit of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.

Section 8. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.

### **ARTICLE III** **MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION**

The Corporation is a mutual benefit corporation.

### **ARTICLE IV** **REGISTERED AGENT AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Section 1. Registered Agent. The name and address of the Corporation's Registered Agent for service of process is:

Frederick A. Olthof  
1945 Harder Court  
Scherverville, IN 46375

Section 2.      Principal Office.      The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation is :

1945 Harder Court  
Schererville, IN 46375

**ARTICLE V**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.      Classes of Membership, and Rights, Preferences and Limitations of Classes of Membership.      There shall be one (1) class of Members, as set forth in Article III, Section 1 of the Declaration.

Section 2.      Voting Rights of Classes.      Voting rights of Members shall be set forth in Article III, Section 2 of the Declaration.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**DIRECTORS**

Section 1.      Number of Directors.      The initial Board of Directors is composed of three (3) members. Provided, however, that the exact number of directors shall be prescribed from time to time in the By-laws of the Corporation; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE MINIMUM NUMBER BE LESS THAN THREE (3). The Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Declarant or Developer until that power is terminated under the provisions of the Declaration.

Section 2.      Names and Post Office Addresses of the Directors.      The names and post office addresses of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are:

Frederick A. Olthof	Todd M. Olthof	Scot F. Olthof
1945 Harder Court	1945 Harder Court	1945 Harder Court
Schererville, IN 46375	Schererville, IN 46375	Schererville, IN 46375

**ARTICLE VII**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and post office address of the incorporator of the Corporation is:

Frederick A Olthof  
1945 Harder Court  
Schererville, IN 46375

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**STATEMENT OF PROPERTY (IF ANY)**

A statement of the property, and an estimate of the value thereof, to be taken over by the Corporation at or upon its incorporation are as follows:

NONE

**ARTICLE IX**  
**PROVISIONS FOR REGULATIONS OF BUSINESS AND**  
**CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION**

Other provisions, consistent with the laws of this State, for the regulation and conduct of the affairs of the corporation, and creating, defining, limiting or regulating the powers of the Corporation, the directors of the Members of any class or classes of Members are as follows:

Section 1. The affairs of the Association, its management and operation shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws and Rules and Regulations of this Corporation.

Section 2. The power to make, alter, amend or repeal the By-laws of the Corporation shall be vested in the Members of the Association, subject to the terms, provisions and conditions contained in the Declaration and the By-laws of this Corporation.

Section 3. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Members in the manner provided by the By-laws except for so long as the Declarant of the Declaration continues to legally or equitably own any of the Residential Units, the Board of Directors of the Association shall be elected by the Declarant and such Directors need not be residents of Residential Units or Owners.

Section 4. Every Director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association in accordance with Article XIV, Section 2 of the Declaration.

Section 5. The Corporation will distribute its assets upon dissolution to: a) members of Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association, Inc., in pro rata amounts, or b) the State of Indiana in accordance with I.C. 23-17-30-1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, do hereby execute these Articles of Incorporation and certify the trust of the facts herein stated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003. I hereby verify subject to penalties of perjury that the facts contained herein are true.

  
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Frederick A. Olthof, Incorporator

**EXHIBIT C**

**BY-LAWS**

**OF**

**BRIAR COVE  
PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BY-LAWS  
OF  
BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME, MEMBERSHIP, APPLICABILITY AND DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.     Name. The name of the Association shall be Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

Section 2.     Principal Office. The principal office of the Association shall be located initially at the principal business location of Declarant, and thereafter such location as determined by the Board of Directors. The Association may have such offices, either within or without the State of Indiana, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.

Section 3.     Definitions. The words used in these By-laws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association (said Declaration as amended, renewed or extended from time to time, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Declaration"), unless the context shall prohibit.

**ARTICLE II  
ASSOCIATION: MEETINGS, QUORUM, VOTING, PROXIES**

Section 1.     Membership. The Association shall have one (1) class of membership, as more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2.     Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as may be designated by the Board of Directors either in the Project or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.

Section 3.     Annual Meetings. The first meeting of the Members, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within sixty (60) days from the date of the expiration of Declarant's right to appoint the Board. The next annual meeting shall be set by the Board so as to occur no later than ninety (90) days after the close of the Association's fiscal year. Subsequent regular annual meetings of the Members shall be held within thirty (30) days of the same day of the same month of each year thereafter at an hour set by the Board. Subject to the foregoing, the annual meeting of the Members shall be held at a date and time as set by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.     Special Meetings. The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association if so directed by resolution of a majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by at least ten percent (10 %) of the total votes of the Association. The notice of any special meeting shall state the date, time and place of such meeting and the purpose thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.



Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In the case of a special meeting or when required by statute or these By-laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 6. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member, whether in person or by proxy, shall be deemed a waiver by such member of notice at the time, date and place thereof, unless such Member specifically objects to a lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed a waiver of notice of all business transacted thereat unless objection to the calling or convening of the meeting, of which proper notice was not given, is raised before the business is put to vote.

Section 7. Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called may be transacted. If a time and place for the adjourned meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for the adjourned meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting shall be given to Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that at least twenty-five (25 %) percent of the total votes of the Association remains present in person or by proxy, and provided further that any action taken shall be approved by at least a majority of the Members required to constitute a quorum.

Section 8. Voting. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated herein.

Section 9. Proxy. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the Member of his or her Residential Unit or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the Board of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member or upon the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy.

Section 10. Majority. As used in these By-laws, the term "majority" shall mean

those votes of Owners, or other group as the context may indicate, totaling more than fifty percent (50%) of the total number.

Section 11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-laws or in the Declaration, the presence in person or by proxy of one-third (1/3) of the Members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. Any provision in the Declaration concerning quorums is specifically incorporated herein.

Section 12. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, as well as a record of all transactions occurring thereat.

Section 13. Action without a Meeting. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Members, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Members.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS: NUMBER, POWERS, MEETINGS**

##### **A. Composition and Selection.**

Section 1. Governing Body: Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article III, the Directors shall be Members or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time.

Section 2. Directors During Declarant Control. The Directors shall be selected by the Declarant acting in its sole discretion and shall serve at the pleasure of the Declarant until such time as is specified in the Declaration, unless the Declarant shall earlier surrender this right to select Directors. The Directors selected by the Declarant need not be owners or residents in the project. After the period of Declarant appointment, all Directors must be Members of the Association.

Section 3. Number of Directors. The number of Directors in the Association shall be not less than three (3) nor more than five (5), as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine by resolution. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) members and are identified in the minutes of the first meeting of the Board.

Section 4. Nomination of Directors. Except with respect to Directors selected by the Declarant, nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not less than thirty (30) days prior to each annual meeting of the Members to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no event less than the number of vacancies or terms to be filled. Nominations shall be permitted

from the floor. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members to solicit votes.

Section 5. Election and Term of Office. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein: At the first annual meeting of the membership after the termination of the Declarant's right to select directors and at each annual meeting of the membership thereafter, Directors shall be elected. All Directors shall be elected at-large. All Members of the Association shall vote upon the election of Directors. So long as there are three (3) Directors, the term of one (1) Director shall be fixed at one (1) year, and the term of one (1) Director shall be fixed at two (2) years, and the term of one (1) Director shall be fixed at three (3) years. The members of the Board of Directors shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected by the Association.

Section 6. Removal of Directors and Vacancies. Unless the entire Board is removed from office by the vote of the Association Members, an individual Director shall not be removed prior to the expiration of his or her term of office, except by the vote of a majority of Members.

In the event of death or resignation of a Director, his or her successor shall be selected by a majority of the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

Section 7. Voting Procedure for Directors. The first election of the Board shall be conducted at the first meeting of the Association. At such election, the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

B. Meetings.

Section 8. Organization Meetings. The first meeting of the members of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held within ten (10) days thereafter at such time and place shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors, but at least four (4) such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one (1) per quarter after Declarant control has expired. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be communicated to Directors not less than four (4) days prior to the meeting; provided, however, notice of a meeting need not be given to any Director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding of the meeting.

Section 10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President, Vice President or Secretary of the Association, or by any two (2) Directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each Director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written notice by first class mail; (c) by telephone communication, either directly to the Director or to a person at the Director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the Director; or (d) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given or sent to the Director's address or telephone number as shown on the records of the Association.

Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least four (4) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned, or given to the telegraph company at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the meeting.

Section 11. Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meetings of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (1) a quorum is present, and (2) either before or after the meeting each of the Directors not present signs a written waiver or notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any Director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

Section 12. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

Section 13. Compensation. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved by a majority vote of the total vote of the Association at a regular or special meeting of the Association.

Section 14. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of the Board of Directors, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.

Section 15. Open Meeting. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Members, but Members other than Directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by a majority of a quorum of the Board

Section 16. Executive Sessions. The Board may, with approval of a majority of a quorum, adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

Section 17. Action without a Formal Meeting. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the Directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent is in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

C. Powers and Duties.

Section 18. Powers. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the

Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as set forth by the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members.

The Board of Directors shall delegate to one of its members the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors on all matters relating to the duties of the Managing Agent or Manager, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the duties imposed by these By-laws or by any resolution of the Association that may be hereafter adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

(a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the Common Expenses;

(b) making Assessments to defray the Common Expenses, establishing means and methods of collecting such Assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual Assessment, provided otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the annual Assessment against the proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be payable in yearly installments, each such installment to be due and payable in advance on the first day of the year for said year;

(c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of any Common Area;

(d) designating, hiring and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of the Association, its property, and any Common Area, and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;

(e) collecting the Assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;

(f) making and amending rules and regulations;

(g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;

(h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions and improvements to or alterations of any Common Area in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these By-laws after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;

(i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-laws, and the Rules and Regulations adopted by it and bringing any proceeds which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners of the Association;

(j) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;

(k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its members and not chargeable to Owners;

(l) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred. The said books and vouchers accrediting the entries thereupon shall be available for examination by the Owners and Mortgagees, their duly authorized agents, accountants, or attorneys, during general business hours on working days at the time and in a manner that shall be set and announced by the Board of Directors for the general knowledge of the Owners.

(m) make available to any prospective purchaser of a Residential Unit, any Owner of a Residential Unit, any first Mortgagee, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of a first Mortgage on any Residential Unit, current copies of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-laws, Rules and Regulations, and all other books, records and financial statements of the Association;

(n) permit utility suppliers to use portions of any Common Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Project; and

(o) paying Community Assessments to the Community Association on a yearly basis.

Section 19. Management Agent.

(a) The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Board of Directors may delegate to the managing agent or manager, subject to the Board's supervision, all of the powers granted to the Board of Directors by these By-laws, other than the powers set forth in subparagraphs (a), (b), (d), (f), (g) and (i) of Section 18 of this Article III. The Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager.

(b) No management contract may have a term in excess of one (1) year and must permit termination by either party without cause and without termination fee on ninety (90) days' or less written notice.

Section 20. Accounts and Reports. The following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board of resolution specifically determines otherwise:

(a) cash basis accounting shall be employed;

(b) accounting and controls should conform with established AICPA guidelines and principles, which require, without limitation, (i) a segregation of accounting duties, (ii) disbursements by check requiring two (2) signatures, and (iii) cash disbursements limited to amounts of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and under;

(c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;

(d) no remuneration shall be accepted by the Managing Agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts or otherwise; any thing of value received shall benefit the Association;

(e) any financial or other interest which the Managing Agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board of Directors; and

(f) commencing at the end of the month in which the first Residential Unit is sold and closed, quarterly financial reports shall be prepared for the Association containing:

(i) an Income and Expense Statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding three (3) months on a cash basis:

(ii) a Balance Sheet as of the last day of the Association's fiscal year and an Operating Statement for said fiscal year, which shall be distributed within ninety (90) days after the close of a fiscal year.

(iii) a Delinquency Report listing all Owners who have been delinquent during the preceding three (3) month period in paying the monthly installments of Assessments and who remain delinquent at the time of the report and describing the status of any action to collect such installments which shall be considered to be delinquent on the fifteenth (15th) day of each month; and

(iv) an annual report consisting of at least the following shall be distributed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the closing of the fiscal year: (1) a balance sheet as of the end of the fiscal year; (2) an operating (income) statement for the fiscal year; and (3) statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year. If said report is not prepared by an independent accountant, it shall be accompanied by the certificate of an authorized officer of the Association that the statements were prepared without an audit from the books and records of the Association.

Section 21. Borrowing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of repair or restoration of any Common Area without the approval of the Members of the Association; provided, however, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner provided in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Declaration for Special Assessments in the event that the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities, and the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed five percent (5%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person,

excepting the offices of President and Secretary. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election, Term of Office and Vacancy. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members, as herein set forth in Article III. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served thereby.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The officers of the Association shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties may from time to time be specifically conferred or imposed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both.

Section 5. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by the President or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V** **COMMITTEES**

Committees to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present are hereby authorized. Such committees shall perform such duties and have such powers as may be provided in the resolution. Each committee shall be composed as required by law and shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI** **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The initial fiscal year of the Association shall be set by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Parliamentary Rules. Except as may be modified by Board resolution establishing modified procedures, Robert's Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the conduct of the Association proceedings when not in conflict with Indiana law, the Articles of



Incorporation, the Declaration or these By-laws.

Section 3. Conflicts. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of Indiana Law, the provisions of Indiana law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-laws (in that order) shall prevail.

Section 4. Books and Records.

(a) Inspection by Members and Mortgagees. The Declaration and By-laws, membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board and committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any Mortgagee, Member of the Association, or by his or her duly appointed representative at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest as a Member at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Project as the Board shall prescribe.

(b) Inspection by Directors. Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a Director includes the right to make extracts and copies of documents at the expense of the Association.

Section 5. Notices. Unless otherwise provided in these By-laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements or other communications under these By-laws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, first class postage prepaid:

(a) if to a Member, at the address which the Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Residential Unit of such Owner; or

(b) if to the Association, the Board of Directors, or the Managing Agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated by the notice in writing to the Owners pursuant to this Section.

Section 6. Amendment. Declarant may amend the By-laws in accordance with the Declaration. These By-laws may be amended otherwise only by the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent of Members representing two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association (not a majority of a quorum).

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS OF  
BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION**

This First Amendment to the By-Laws of Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association ("Amendment") is made this 11 day of Feb., 2010 by the Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association, Inc., ("Association") and Indiana not-for-profit corporation, pursuant to the approval of the owners.

**I. RECITALS**

- A. On June 13, 2003, Briar Cove Development, LLC, recorded a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association, which document was recorded as Documents No. 2003-064808, in the Office of Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.
- B. Article VI, Section 6 of the By-Laws provides that the By-Laws may be changed, modified or rescinded by an instrument in writing setting forth such change, modification or rescision, signed and acknowledged by the Board, the Owners having at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership.
- C. Article III, Section 5 of the By-Laws sets forth the term of office as follows: "So long as there are three (3) Directors, the term of one (1) Director shall be fixed as one (1) year, and the term of one (1) Director shall be fixed at two (2) years, and the term of one (1) Director shall be fixed as three (3) years."

**II. AMENDMENT**

- A. The Association, as authorized by the Owners, desire to amend the referenced portion of Article III Section 5 of the By-Laws as follows: "Provided there are five (5) directors, the term of the fourth director shall be fixed at three (3) years, and the term of the fifth director shall be fixed at two (2) years. After the initial terms expire, the fixed terms of all directors will be three (3) years."
- B. In all other respects all of the terms and conditions of the By-Laws shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association has caused this Amendment to be executed on the date set forth above.

BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
an Indiana not-for-profit corporation

By: Joseph Arias  
Joseph Arias, President

STATE OF INDIANA     )  
                                  ) SS:  
COUNTY LAKE         )

Before me, a Notary Public, duly authorized and acting in the above county and state, personally appeared BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION, INC., by and through Joseph Arias, its President, and acknowledged execution of the foregoing Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal this 11 day of February, 2010.

Mildred E. Baccino  
Notary Public Signature

MILDRED E. BACCINO  
Printed Name

My Commission Expires: 12-16-2016  
County of Residence: Lake

THE PENALTY FOR  
"I AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTY OF  
PERJURY, THAT I HAVE TAKEN  
REASONABLE CARE TO BE  
ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE  
SECURITY AND BY-LAW.  
UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW,  
PREPARED BY [Signature]

This Instrument Prepared by: Peter Bylen, 1st American Management Company, Inc., 3408 Enterprise Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383; Telephone: (219) 464-3536.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association ("Association"), a duly incorporated not-for-profit corporation, is granted authority under Article XI, Section 11 of the Briar Cove Covenants and Restrictions to adopted Rules and Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Association desires to add the Rules and Regulations pertaining to signage (item 4);

WHEREAS, the Association has obtained the approval by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Association does, upon passage of this resolution, hereby amend the Association Rules and Regulations by supplementing the rule with the following guidelines related to political signage:

Effective July 1, 2010, two (2) standard size political signage not to exceed 28"x22" shall be permitted only on a homeowner's property. Political signs may be displayed for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days preceding each election for which the sign is installed. The owner of the property upon which such signs are displayed is liable for the removal of the signs within five (5) days after the election of which it refers. Political signs shall not be placed in common areas or easements. A political sign shall be defined as any sign that attempts to influence the outcome of an election, including supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer or supporting or opposing the circulation of a petition for a ballot measure, question or proposition.

IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, other than as herein above indicated, Rule 4 remains unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association, has executed this Resolution to be executed on the date first set forth below.

BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION, INC.,


  
Joseph Arias, President

May 14, 2010  
Date

  
Ralph Fleys

  
Elaine Gadomski

  
John Popp

  
Patricia Jongsma

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association ("Association"), a duly incorporated not-for-profit corporation, is granted authority under Article XI, Section 11 of the Briar Cove Covenants and Restrictions to adopt Rules and Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Association desires to add the Rules and Regulations pertaining to vehicles (item 5);

WHEREAS, the Association has obtained the approval by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Association does, upon passage of this resolution, hereby amend the Association Rules and Regulations by supplementing the rule with the following guidelines related to vehicles and parking:

Motor homes, campers, trailers, boats, will be allowed to be parked on the Resident Unit's driveway for loading/unloading purposes only; this period shall not exceed twenty-four (24) hours. Trucks in excess of 3/4 ton are not allowed to be parked on the Resident Unit's driveway at any time. There is no prohibition for any of the referenced vehicles from being parked in the Resident Unit's closed garage in a manner that shall allow the garage door to be closed entirely. On street parking is governed by the ordinances of the Schererville or Dyer, depending on which town the Resident Unit is located.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association, has executed this Resolution to be executed on the date first set forth below.

BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION, INC.,

  
Joseph Artes, President

May 14, 2010  
Date

  
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John Popp

  
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This Instrument Prepared by: Peter Byler, 1st American Management Company, Inc., 3408 Enterprise Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383; Telephone: (219) 464-3536.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION

We, the undersigned, all of the Members of the Board of Directors of Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association, a corporation organized under the Indiana Non-Profit Corporation Act of 1991, being constituted, do by this writing consent to make the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board understands its fiduciary responsibility to adhere to its Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations, made the following approval to the actions listed below:

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the "Maintenance Responsibilities for Briar Cove" to clarify said responsibility as it relates to the Unit Owner, Association, and respective municipality; motion carried.

We direct that this consent be filed in the Minute Book of the Corporation with the Minutes of the preceding Meeting of the Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association Board of Directors.

Dated: 20 October 2012

BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION, INC.,

For

Against

  
Joseph R. Arias, President

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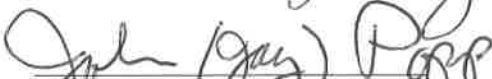
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## Maintenance Responsibilities for Briar Cove

Updated - October 20, 2012

Description	Owner	Briar Cove Association	Dyer Schervl
Exterior painting, staining, of cedar, trim, and mailbox post. (every 3-6 years)		X	
Maintenance of fences or hedges erected by the developer		X	
Gutter cleaning as needed		X	
Garage fascia (Stone Repair)		X	
Sealing and repair of asphalt driveways (sealing every 3 to 5 years)		X	
Repair or replacement of roof from normal wear and tear*	X		
Repair or replacement of vinyl siding, shutters, windows and doors*	X		
Mailbox maintenance and replacement to include repainting	X		
Inspection & repair of normal wear and tear of the home exterior (spring & fall inspections)	X		
Repair of damage to home exterior or interior.	X		
Cleaning of home exterior	X		
Exterior lighting of home	X		
Maintenance of concrete patio and entrance sidewalk.	X		
Maintenance of shared sump pump drain lines	Shared by owners in the building		
Clearing blockage of common sanitary line for building			



## Maintenance Responsibilities for Briar Cove

Updated - October 20, 2012

<b>Description</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Briar Cove Association</b>	<b>Dyer Schervl</b>
Lawn maintenance - mowing, trimming of bushes, minor lawn repairs.		X	
Lawn and common area fertilization & grub control, as scheduled		X	
Lawn irrigation system maintenance as scheduled		X	
Mulching of common area and front landscaping (every (2) years)		X	
Weed pulling in front landscaped and common area (once a month)		X	
Maintenance of association planted trees - pruning, fertilizing, removal, replacement.		X	
Maintenance of association planted shrubs - pruning, fertilizing, removal, replacement.		X	
Maintenance of all other trees, shrubbery including removal.	X		
Maintenance of landscaping added or modified by homeowner.	X		
Settling of soil around the lawns and foundation of home	X		
Maintenance of waterfalls, pond, and aerating fountain - including lighting.		X	
Pond drain outlets		X	
Maintenance of walking path		X	
Mole, vole, and skunk treatment as needed.		X	
Geese/duck control in common areas		X	
Geese/duck control on private property	X		





## Maintenance Responsibilities for Briar Cove

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**For additional information refer to Olthof Limited Warranty Manual**

Description	Owner	Briar Cove Association	Dyer Schervl
Snow removal greater than 2" on driveways, public and service sidewalks		X	
Snow removal on patios	X		
Kitty litter type substances for grip on icy walks (ice melt is not advised)	X		
Snow removal on public streets			X
Trash and recycling collection			X
Street and street light repair.			X
Mosquito control			X
Public storm sewer drains			X
Enforcement of covenants and restrictions		X	
*			
Any other matters within the Property, including but not limited to other exterior items such as roof, siding, windows, doors, etc., as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association on a community-wide basis. In no way shall this subparagraph create an affirmative obligation to perform such community - wide work.			
<b>Limited warranty on certain aspects of the homes. (See Olthof's Homeowners Manual for detailed information on the warranties)</b>			
All exterior replacement/modifications work needs prior approval from the ARC via a Modification Request to Management Company			
<b>No permission or approval shall be required to repaint in accordance with originally approved color scheme, or current.</b>			

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT is entered into this 26 day of September, 2005, by BRIAR COVE DEVELOPMENT LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

WHEREAS, Declarant executed that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana on June 23, 2003, as instrument no. 2003064808.

WHEREAS, Declarant reserved the right and option to amend the Declaration to add Additional Property, coupled with an irrevocable special power of attorney of Declarant to execute such amendment;

WHEREAS, Declarant now desires and intends hereby to so amend the Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant does hereby amend the Declaration as follows:

1. All capitalized terms in this Amendment, to the extent not otherwise expressly defined herein, shall have the same meaning given to such terms in the Agreement.

2. Article XI is amended by adding a new Section 12 as follows:

Section 12. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the Board may assess a fine not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar per day for violations of Article X and XI, and the Rules and Regulations of the Association, and the Association may record a lien against the Owners, Lot and/or Dwelling to collect such fines. The Association shall be entitled to impose such a fine provided: (i) the Association gives written notice of the violation to the Owner; and (ii) the Owner does not respond within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of violation. If the Owner objects to such notice of violation, it shall provide all written evidence as to why such act or omission does not constitute a violation of Article X and the Rules and Regulations within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of violation, and thereafter the Board shall consider all written evidence and shall make a final determination thereon within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Owner's written material. The Association shall respond to an Owner's objection in writing with a final determination on the issue. If the Owner does not adhere to the Association's final determination, the Association shall be entitled to levy a fine against the Owner not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day. The Association may impose a fine in excess of the above amount if the Owner does not adhere to the provisions of Article XII, Sections 1 through 11.

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2. Except as expressly set forth herein, the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has executed this Amendment to the Declaration this 26 day of September, 2005.

**BRIAR COVE DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

BY: Frederick A. Olthof  
Frederick A. Olthof, President of OD Enterprises, Inc., its Manager

STATE OF INDIANA            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF LAKE            )

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for Lake County, State of Indiana, personally appeared Frederick A. Olthof who, being duly sworn upon his oath, acknowledged that he is the President of OD Enterprises, Inc, Manager of Briar Cove Development, LLC and that he is authorized and empowered so to do, executed the above and foregoing Amendment to Declaration for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

DATED this 26 day of September, 2005.

Andrea Repasky  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: Apr: 22, 2012  
My County of Residence: Lake



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RECORDER

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION**

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT is entered into this 18 day of November, 2005, by BRIAR COVE DEVELOPMENT LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

WHEREAS, Declarant executed that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana on June 23, 2003, as instrument no. 2003064808.

WHEREAS, Declarant reserved the right and option to amend the Declaration to correct errors and omissions, coupled with an irrevocable special power of attorney of Declarant to execute such amendment;

WHEREAS, Declarant now desires and intends hereby to so amend the Declaration; and

NOW THEREFORE, Declarant does hereby amend the Declaration as follows:

1. Paragraph 14 of Exhibit D is hereby added as follows:

14. **OUTDOOR ITEMS.** The following items may be installed: (i) an address sign placed within the landscaping; (ii) landscape lights may be placed within the mulch area; (iii) one shepherds hood with a hanging flower pot; (iv) plants, plant stands and flower pots in the landscape area or on the front porch; (v) a bench or chairs may be placed on the front porch; (vi) an American flag attached to the Residential Unit may be displayed; (vii) a wreath may be displayed on the front door; and (viii) holiday decorations may be installed one week before and after a holiday, with the exception of Christmas decorations which may be installed from the week of Thanksgiving until one week after New years Day. No other permanent flag poles, decorative flags, awnings, bird baths or bird feeders, decorative animals, decorative iron works, decorative lawn sprinklers, additional fencing, miniature fountains, landscape lights attached to a structure, name plates, pavers, plaques, rocks, signs, statues or figurines, storage sheds, sun globes, thermometers, wind chimes, wishing wells, any other general decorating items and landscaping shall not be permitted unless they receive prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee.

2. Except as expressly amended herein, the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect with its terms and conditions.

3. Unless otherwise provided, all capitalized terms herein will have the same meaning as

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given in the Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has executed this Amendment to the Declaration this 18 day of November, 2005.

**BRIAR COVE DEVELOPMENT LLC**

BY: *Frederick A. Olthof*  
Frederick A. Olthof, President of OD Enterprises, Inc., its Manager

STATE OF INDIANA            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF LAKE            )

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for Lake County, State of Indiana, personally appeared Frederick A. Olthof who, being duly sworn upon his oath, acknowledged that he is the President of OD Enterprises, Inc, Manager of Briar Cove Development LLC and that he is authorized and empowered so to do, executed the above and foregoing Amendment to Declaration for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

DATED this 18 day of November, 2005.

*Andrea Repasky*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 4-22-2012  
My County of Residence: Lake



## EXHIBIT D

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS. No change in the exterior appearance of a Residential Unit, or the quality of the construction of a Residential Unit can be changed in any way whatsoever without the prior approval of the Architectural Review Committee (hereinafter the "ARC") in accordance with the provisions of Article X of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Briar Cove Paired Cottages Association, Inc. (hereinafter the "Declaration"). The prohibition of this provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a. The construction of any exterior addition to any Residential Unit, or the construction of any temporary or permanent improvement of building on the lot on which the Residential Unit is located.
  - b. The reconfiguration of any existing structure of a Residential Unit in any manner whatsoever.
  - c. The use of any material on the exterior of any Residential Unit or associated structures which is not identical to that which was provided as a part of the original construction, both in quality, color and other appearances. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the ARC, so long as the ARC shall make an affirmative determination that such shall be and remain visually compatible with and in harmony with the appearance of the other Residential Units.
  - d. The installation of awning, except retractable awning in the rear of the building over the patio in accordance with written approval from the ARC.
  - e. The erection aerials, antennas, or other similar items or devices, except in the rear of the building in such a manner that they are not visible from the interior roads and sidewalks of Property or in such other location approved by the ARC in writing to comply with FCC Regulations.
  - f. Storm doors shall not be added to a Residential Unit, except in accordance with written Association specifications.
  - g. Replacement windows and patio doors shall not be added to a Residential Unit, without prior approval of the ARC.
  - h. The erection or maintenance of any fences or other types of barricades, except for those which are part of the original construction or in accordance with written Association guidelines.
  - i. The use of window coverings which are not white or beige or show a white or beige appearance when viewed from the exterior of the Residential Unit.
  - j. The use of mailboxes not in conformity with the quality and style and location requirements of the ARC.
  - k. The construction of swimming pools or hot tubs.
  - l. The construction or placement of structures to house or restrain pets.

- m. The use of portable storage/moving containers shall not be allowed, except in accordance with written Association guidelines.
- n. The use of a dumpster/waste container/roll off box shall not be allowed, except in accordance with written Association guidelines.
- o. The use of storage bins/cabinets shall not be allowed, except in accordance with written Association guidelines.

In addition to the foregoing prohibitions, each owner shall have an affirmative obligation to maintain and repair his and/or her Residential Unit in such a manner as to maintain at all times the uniformity of appearance of such Residential Unit with all others in the community.

- 2. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OR RESIDENTIAL UNITS. Except as provided in Article IV, of the Declaration, it is the Owners sole and exclusive responsibility to maintain and repair his and/or her Residential Unit. The Association's responsibility shall include not only routine maintenance and care of these lawns and landscaped areas, but also the replacement of grass, sod trees and shrubbery which were part of the original landscaping. It shall also be the responsibility of the Association to provide water for lawns and repair the lawn irrigation system as needed. Furthermore, it shall be the Association's responsibility to repair or replace any grass, sodding, or landscaping which has been damaged or destroyed by the actions or omissions of any Owner but it shall be the responsibility of the responsible owner to pay all costs associated therewith.
- 3. INSURANCE. As of the adoption of these Rules and Regulations by the Association, the Association has elected not to obtain casualty insurance on Residential Units in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 1 of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each Owner of a Residential Unit to provide casualty insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration. It is, therefore, the Owner's responsibility to be familiar with and comply with Article V of the Declaration in every aspect. This obligations shall include, but not be limited to, the requirements that all causality insurance be for the full replacement value, that the proceeds thereof be payable to the Insurance Trustee, and that all liability insurance policies show the Association and all Residential Unit Owners as named insured.
- 4. SIGNS. Only temporary but tasteful "For Sale" real estate signs are permitted. Two (2) standard size political signage not to exceed 28 inches by 22 inches shall be permitted only on a homeowner's property. Political signs may be displayed for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days preceding each election for which the sign is installed. The owner of the property upon which such signs are displayed is liable for the removal of the signs within five (5) days after the election of which it refers. Political signs shall not be placed in common areas or easements. A political sign shall be defined as any sign that attempts to influence the outcome of an election, including supporting or opposing the recall of a public officer or supporting or opposing the circulation of a petition for a ballot measure, question or proposition.
- 5. VEHICLES. Motor homes, campers, trailers, boats, will be allowed to be parked on the Resident Unit's driveway for loading/unloading purposes only; this period shall not exceed twenty-four (24) hours. Trucks in excess of 3/4-ton are not allowed to be parked on the Resident Unit's driveway at any time. There is no prohibition for any of the referenced vehicles from being parked in the Resident Unit's closed garage in a manner that shall allow the garage door to be closed entirely. Unlicensed or inoperative vehicles must be kept inside the garage. On street parking is governed by the ordinances of the Towns of Schererville or Dyer, depending on which

town the Resident Unit is located. No Owner shall repair or restore any vehicle of any kind upon any Lot except for emergency repairs and except within enclosed garages

6. LEASING RESTRICTIONS. Intentionally Deleted.
7. MINIMUM HEAT. The minimum heat in every Residential Unit shall not be less than sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit for the period of time from November 1 to April 15 each year.
8. NOISE. Loud music or television or any other sound which may be objectionable to any other Owner or Occupant is prohibited at all times.
9. CAR WASHING. No car or other vehicle washing is permitted on any of the Residential Units in any manner which would allow soaps, detergents, or other chemical liquids or compounds to damage any lawn or landscaped area.
10. PETS. In accordance with Article XI, Section 6 of the Declaration, no animals, livestock or poultry or any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Residential Unit; provided, however, dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, not to exceed a total of two (2) such animals, provided they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall apply with regard to any pet which is allowed to be kept in or on a Residential Unit:
  - a. Owners of a cat or dog shall be required to keep same on chain or leash at all times when pets are outside the home. All Owners must control their pets at all times, whether or not such Owner is present, in a manner that will prevent any pet from endangering the health or safety of other Owners, their families, guests or invitees or creating fear in other Owners as to the safety of themselves, their families, guests or invitees. An Owner with a buried electric fence intended to confine a pet within the yard is exempt from this rule only while the pet remains within the confines of enclosure. Electric fence installation is not permitted without prior ARC approval; devices previously approved by the ARC are required to register with the Association.
  - b. Owners of a cat or dog shall be required to immediately remove all forms of fecal matter or other solid waste of such pets from the Property, including but not limited to, lawns driveways, and parking areas, and such pets shall not be allowed to deposit fecal matter in any manner, or in any place, that would in any manner change or deface the Property, including any alteration in the uniformity of appearance of the lawn or landscaped area. An Owner's failure to immediately remove fecal matter or other solid waste left in any area by an animal owned by an occupant of such Owner's Residential Unit (or their guest or invitees) shall be conclusively deemed to be a nuisance, and shall subject the Owner to such reasonable penalties as may be determined by the Association.
  - c. No pet will be allowed which creates noise, emits noxious odors or creates unsafe or unhealthy living conditions, or other disturbances of any kind, whether on a continuous or intermittent basis, and regardless of the time of day or night.
  - d. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall any dogs be allowed on the property which are a breed known to bite people, such as pit bulls, Doberman Pinschers, German Shepherds, Rottweiler, etc.
  - e. Any Owner of a pet allowed hereunder, who is the subject of three (3) or more justifiable complaints of violation of this rule, shall forthwith permanently remove the pet from his or her Residential Unit, upon notice of same from the Board of Directors, and said, Owner shall not be



allowed to have any pets within the Residential Unit at any time thereafter, except with the express prior written consent of the Board of Directors

- f. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make regular Assessments against any and all Owners with pets for purposes of paying any additional costs which may be involved in maintaining and/or repairing the Property as a direct or indirect result of the housing of pets within the subdivision. These Assessments may consist of a regular monthly or other periodic Assessment against all Owners housing pets, to be paid in the same manner and at the same time as the General Assessment for Common Expense, and such as an Assessment may be based upon an estimate of the cost of maintaining and/or repairing the Property necessitated by the housing of pets within the Residential Units. The failure of any Owner housing a pet to pay such Assessments shall automatically result in the immediate and permanent removal of such in such Owner's Residential Unit at any time thereafter, and the Association and the individual members shall have law for violation of these Rules and Regulations.
11. GARBAGE. All garbage receptacles shall be located and stored in such a place as to be not visible from any ground level location in the subdivision, excepting only on those days of garbage collection, in which case such garbage containers, when empty, shall be immediately relocated to a place as described above.
12. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSESSMENTS AND COMPLAINE WITH DECLARATION. The Owner is always responsible for Association Assessments, insurance deductibles or any other charge the Board of Directors may direct to the Residential Units, and compliance by all Occupants (including tenants and subtenants) with the provisions of the Declaration, regardless of whether the Residential Unit is occupied by the Owner or by an Occupant, and regardless of any agreement which such Owner may have with any such Occupant, tenant or subtenant.
13. OWNERS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE ASSOCIATION. All Owners shall advise the Association in writing of names, residence addresses (if different from that of the Resident Unit owned) and telephone numbers of all Owners, Occupants and all tenants, subtenants and other occupants; and the names, business address and telephone numbers of all Mortgagees of record on the Residential Unit owned, and all such information provided in accordance herewith shall be updated in writing by each Owner within fifteen (15) days upon request of the Board of Directors.
14. GARAGE, ESTATE & MOVING SALE. The Association hosts an annual sub-division garage sale on the third Saturday each August; no other garage sales will be permitted. Estate or moving sales with merchandise confined to the dwelling interior and limited to two (2) days will be permitted; signage may not be placed on common property or street right-of-way.
15. OUTDOOR ITEMS. The following items may be installed;
  - a. an address sign placed within the mulched landscape bed;
  - b. landscaping lights may be placed within the mulched landscape bed;
  - c. one shepherds hook with a hanging flower pot;
  - d. plants, plant stands and flower pots in the mulched landscape bed or on the front porch;
  - e. a bench or chairs may be placed on the front porch;
  - f. one (1) American flag attached to the Residential Unit may be displayed;
  - g. a wreath may be displayed on the front door;
  - h. holiday decorations may be installed one week before and after a holiday, with the exception of Christmas from the week of Thanksgiving to end of January;
  - i. bird bath or bird feeder limited to one (1) in rear of home;

- j. decorative animals or figurines limited to two (2) 24 inches or smaller placed in mulched landscape bed or patio;
- k. miniature water fountains allowed in back of home on patio or mulched landscape bed;
- l. boulders 24 inches or smaller are permitted in the mulched landscape bed only;
- m. hanging flower bags allowed to hang on garage carriage light fixtures, with a limit of two (2) bags;
- n. sun globes limited to one (1) allowed in mulched landscape bed only;
- o. thermometers allowed in back of home only;
- p. wishing wells allowed in rear of house 24 inches or smaller on patio or mulch area only;
- q. decorative flags not to exceed 18 inches by 24 inches.

The following items may be installed but are subject to ARC approval: (1) flower boxes allowed, attached to rear of home under window; (2) pavers as to edge the mulched landscape bed.

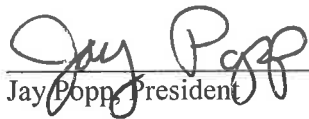
Placement of above items must be in a manner not to obstruct lawn maintenance. No other permanent flag poles, decorative iron works, additional fencing, landscaped lights attached to a structure, name plates, plaques, storage sheds on lawns, thermometers, wind chimes, or any other general decoration items and landscaping shall be permitted unless they receive prior written approval of the ARC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association has executed these Rules and Regulations to be executed on the date herein set forth, as 4 August 2014.

BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGES ASSOCIATION, INC.,

For

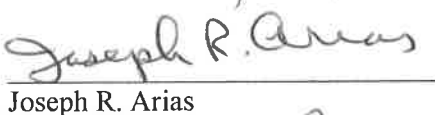
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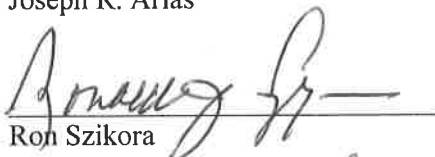
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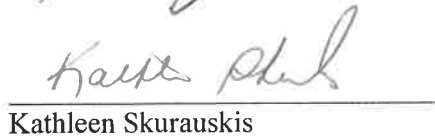
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